

The speaker laid before the house a report received from the judges of elections in Charles county, of the number of votes in favour of, and against, primary schools, taken in the several election districts of that county;—transmitted in conformity with the directions of the act of assembly, passed at the last session of the legislature, chapter 162; which was referred to the committee on public instruction.

Petitions and memorials were presented, viz.

By Mr. Price, A petition from Elizabeth Brown, of Baltimore county, praying for a divorce; referred to the standing committee on that subject.

By Mr. John W. Thomas, A petition from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying that a company may be incorporated to make a turnpike road from Port Deposit, along the margin of the river Susquehannah, to the intersection of a road leading from Battle Swamp to the lower ferry; referred to Messrs. John W. Thomas, Harlan and Thompson.

By Mr. Hope, A petition from a number of the inhabitants of Harford county, praying an alteration of Hall's cross roads and Belle Air election districts, in said county; referred to Messrs. Hope, Sutton and Montgomery.

Bills of the following titles were this day severally reported, viz.

By Mr. Teackle, An act supplemental to an act, entitled, An act to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools, throughout this state.

By Mr. Peter, An act to alter and amend the third section of an act entitled, An act respecting elections.

By Mr. Janes, A supplement to an act entitled, An act for the better regulation of apprentices, passed at November session 1793.

By Mr. Montgomery, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of lumber.

By Mr. Stricker, An act to regulate the amount of capital on which the annual tax shall be paid by the banks therein mentioned.

By Mr. Speed, An act to authorise the building of a bridge over the river Patapsco at the lower ferry on said river.

By Mr. Hall, An act for the benefit of Charles Adley, a free man of colour residing in Jefferson county and state of Virginia.

Which said bills were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Harlan also reported a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the trustees of the poor of Cecil county, to purchase a farm or tract of land, for the use of the poor, and